

REMARKS

Claims 1-18 are pending in the present application. Claim 19 has been canceled.

Priority Under 35 U.S.C. 119

Applicant notes the Examiner's acknowledgment of the Claim for Priority under 35 U.S.C. 119, and receipt of the certified copy of the priority document.

Drawings

The drawings have been objected to as failing to comply with 37 C.F.R. 1.84(p)(5), for the reasons stated on page 2 of the Office Action, as including reference characters not mentioned in the description. This objection to the drawings is respectively traversed for the following reasons.

The specification has been corrected variously on pages 4-7, 9 and 10 to describe circuit elements denoted by the corresponding reference numerals or characters as noted on page 2 of the current Office Action. However, Applicant respectfully points out that circuit elements corresponding to reference numerals or characters 222, 223, 227-229 and SLPG are described on page 6 of the application as originally filed. Also, circuit elements corresponding to reference numerals or characters 21, 23, 28, 29 and 210 are described on page 7 of the application as originally filed. Applicant respectfully submits that the drawings are thus in compliance

with 37 C.F.R. 1.84(p)(5), and therefore respectfully requests the Examiner to withdraw this objection for at least these reasons.

The drawings have been objected to under 37 C.F.R. 1.84(p)(5), for the reasons stated at the bottom of page 2 of the current Office Action, as allegedly failing to include reference numeral 19 as described on page 4, line 6 of the application. However, reference numeral 19 is included at the uppermost portion of Fig. 2. Applicant therefore respectfully submits that the drawings are in compliance with 37 C.F.R. 1.84(p)(5), and thus respectfully requests the Examiner to withdraw this objection for at least these reasons.

The drawings have been objected to under 37 C.F.R. 1.83(a), for the reasons stated on page 3 of the Office Action, as allegedly failing to show every feature of the invention specified in the claims. This objection is respectfully traversed for the following reasons.

Applicant respectfully submits that the Examiner has failed to provide any explanation on the record as to the basis of this objection. The Examiner has very generally asserted that the features of claims 1-18 in their entirety are not shown in the claims. However, the Examiner has failed to indicate on the record what features of the claims are not shown in the drawings. Applicant respectfully submits that all the features of the claims are indeed shown in the drawings.

Although it is Applicant's position that the drawings are in compliance with 37 C.F.R. 1.83(a) and that this particular objection is improper, the following general

comments are offered to expedite prosecution. It should be understood however that the following comments should not in any way be considered as limiting.

For example, Fig. 3 illustrates data lines DB, DBb as connectable to sense amplifier 301 at input nodes SBL, SBLb, by way of transistors 222 and 223. Fig. 3 also illustrates bit lines BL, BLb as connectable to sense amplifier 301 at input nodes SBL, SBLb, by way of transistors 57, 225 and 58, 226. Fig. 2 shows various memory cell blocks 19, sense amplifier blocks 110, and control blocks 111. Fig. 6 illustrates bit lines BL and BLb as connectable to sense amplifier 301 at nodes SBL and SBLb, respectively by way of transistor 225 and transistor 226. Fig. 7 illustrates voltage levels VPP and VDD. These various illustrated features are sufficiently described on pages 3-12 of the original application. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully submits that the drawings are in compliance with 37 C.F.R. 1.83(a), and thus respectfully urges the Examiner to withdraw this objection for at least these reasons.

Substitute Specification

The above noted corrections to the specification have been made by way of the enclosed Substitute Specification. Applicant respectfully submits that no new matter has been entered via the Substitute Specification.

Claim Rejections-35 U.S.C. 112

Claims 1-19 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, first paragraph, as

allegedly failing to comply with the enablement requirement. The Examiner has asserted that the claims contain subject matter that has not been described in the specification in such a way as to enable one of ordinary skill to make and/or use the invention. This rejection is respectfully traversed for the following reasons.

As noted above, the circuit elements as denoted by the various reference numerals or characters listed on page 4 of the current Office Action are described in the specification. Applicant respectfully submits that one of ordinary skill would thus readily understand the subject matter of the claims in view of the specification, so as to enable one to make and/or use the invention. Applicant therefore respectfully submits that claims 1-18 are in compliance with 35 U.S.C. 112, first paragraph, and thus respectfully urges the Examiner to withdraw this rejection.

Claim Rejections-35 U.S.C. 102

Claim 19 has been rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by the Kwon et al. reference (U.S. Patent No. 5,973,972). Claim 19 has been canceled, merely to expedite prosecution of this application. The Examiner is therefore respectfully requested to withdraw this rejection.

Conclusion

The Examiner is respectfully requested to reconsider and withdraw the corresponding objections and rejections, and to pass the claims of the present

application to issue, for at least the above reasons.

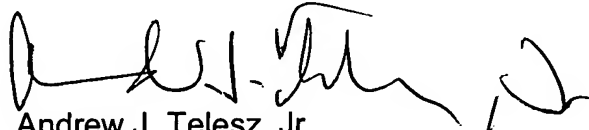
In the event that there are any outstanding matters remaining in the present application, please contact Andrew J. Telesz, Jr. (Reg. No. 33,581) at (571) 283-0720 in the Washington, D.C. area, to discuss these matters.

Pursuant to the provisions of 37 C.F.R. 1.17 and 1.136(a), the Applicant hereby petitions for an extension of one (1) month to January 8, 2006, for the period in which to file a response to the outstanding Office Action. The required fee of \$120.00 should be charged to Deposit Account No. 50-0238.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment for any additional fees that may be required, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 50-0238.

Respectfully submitted,

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